

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
April 23, 2008**

Board Members Present:

Everett “Buck” Ward
Marvin Hempleman
Peter Curran
Don Billings
Marypat Fields
Linda Montgomery
Tom Faulkner
Don Clark

District Staff Present:

Rene LeBlanc, Director
Tom Machala, Communicable Disease & Prevention Director
Merl Egbert, Environmental Health Director
Maggi Machala, Community Health Director
Amy Lierman, Public Information Officer
Kathlyn Egbert, Management Assistant

Board Members Excused:

Guests:

Minutes

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION (made by Mr. Hempleman, second by Ms. Fields): “I move that we approve the minutes of the March 26, 2008, meeting.” Motion carried.

Final arrangements for the IAB conference were reviewed. A list of key stakeholders for Nurse-Family Partnership was developed; an invitation letter, IAB agenda, and a complimentary education day registration form will be mailed to those on the list. The seven health districts will share the associated cost for their attendance. Invitations were also sent to key legislators in our district (Senators Cameron and Darrington, Representatives Block and Bell). Mr. Hempleman recommended also inviting Representative Brackett.

Operations Report

Mr. LeBlanc reviewed the Comparison to Budget sheet. We received our last allotment of ASPR funds which will pass through to area hospitals and emergency agencies. Revenues for preventive services are over budget. Overall, expenditures are at 74.37% of budget. The pass-through account balance is \$1,002,255 which includes the pass through dollars from the ASPR contract. A report comparing the Diversified Bond and JEPa investment accounts show that the yearly rate is almost exactly the same (4.72% and 4.70% respectively).

The County Contribution Allocation form comparing the budget requests from the counties for FY 2008 and FY 2009 was reviewed. We are asking for a 3% increase from the counties for FY 2009. Twin Falls County, followed by Jerome County, had the greatest growth in property value and population and, therefore, had the greatest increase in contribution.

Administration Report

Mr. LeBlanc asked for recommendations or comments concerning the IAB resolutions presented at last month's meeting (Idaho Midwifery Voluntary Licensing, Nurse-Home Visitation, and Food Program Fee). A housekeeping measure on the IAB Bylaws will be voted on giving the Trustees an option for an alternative Board member to represent them at meetings. A copy of the IAB minutes for 2007 was distributed and will be presented at the upcoming IAB meeting for acceptance.

The revised Idaho Statutes, Title 39, section 414, was reviewed. Senate Bill 1384 passed the legislature this year allowing Boards of Health to work with IHFA for long term leases and funding.

County Commission budget proposal packets were given to Board members for their respective counties. Items to be addressed with the commissioners include the Governor's recommendation for a 3% CEC increase for staff and a 16% increase for employer costs for insurance benefits, both of which are driving up personnel costs. The Board has given the direction to balance the budget using personnel savings.

Mr. LeBlanc will be attending a meeting on April 25 that will explain how to implement the 3% CEC. All employees are to receive at least a 1% to help offset the increased costs of insurance premiums. Our District will make sure that all employees will at least break even after the pay and insurance premium increases.

Community Health Report

Ms. Machala presented information on our recent NACCHO Maternal Child Health Workgroup meeting in Washington, D.C. The charge of this group is to advocate for the needs of local public health departments to protect and improve the health of women, children, and adolescents. The group's charge is to provide expert advice and policy recommendations to NACCHO and then to legislators, media, partners, and the public on behalf of NACCHO. Of the seven members, Ms. Machala is the rural representative and is able to address different issues such as no access to services due to transportation. She feels our district has benefited because she has been able to bring back national resources and information. The group has recently revised policies on immigrant health services, women's health, children's oral health, and school health services. After the conference, Ms. Machala was able to visit with staff of our Idaho legislators (Simpson and Crapo) about Nurse-Family Partnership and feels that more interest and support may have been generated.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Ms. Fields): “I move that we go into executive session as authorized by Idaho State law 67-2345 for the purpose of discussing employee and real property issues.” Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 3:30 p.m.


MOTION (made by Dr. Curran, second by Mr. Billings): “I move that Bonnie Spencer be appointed as a full-time deputy director with an additional 3% salary increase.” Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. LeBlanc was given direction to continue researching possibilities for an office site in Gooding.

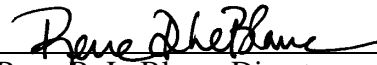
Ms. Montgomery commended staff for the good General Staff meeting in Burley.

MOTION (made by Mr. Faulkner, second by Ms. Fields): “I move that we adjourn. Motion carried.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



Everett “Buck” Ward
Board Chairman

Attest: 

Rene R. LeBlanc, Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on May 21, 2008